

VOTER GUIDE 2024

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Let's talk politics, Texas!





NONPARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

School-City Elections · May 04, 2024

Early Voting: April 22 - April 30, 2024 · Polls Open: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Know Your Voting Rights

If you are in line when polls are closing, stay in line - you have the right to vote.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one. You get up to 2 more ballots!

If the machines are down, ask for a paper ballot.

In Texas, you can bring an interpreter to assist you, if you do not speak English.

If you run into any problems or your qualifications are questioned, please call the Elections Protection Hotline.

Election Protection Hotline

Hotline open year round. Call or text!
Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Central Standard Time



English: (866)-OUR-VOTE / (866)-687-8683

Spanish/English: (888) - VE-Y-VOTA / (888)-839-8682

Asian Languages/English: (888)-API-VOTE / (888)-274-8683

Arabic/English: (844)-YALLA-US / (844)-925-5287

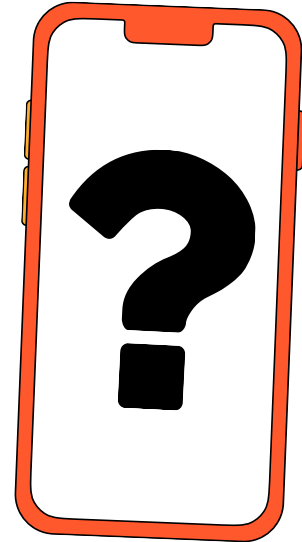
CALL (903) 202-0816 OR VISIT ESTEPODER.ORG TO FIND MORE INFO

About the City Council

The city council members along with the Mayor are elected every four years to represent your community.

All city council members are volunteers, but may receive a monthly stipend for expenses related to public service.

City council members are limited to serving two terms of four years each!



Let's Talk City Council Duties

1

Introducing a proposal for new social programs.

**FULFILLING
LEGISLATIVE
FUNCTIONS IN
THE CITY**

**ATTEND
MONTHLY
COUNCIL
MEMBER
MEETINGS**

2

Meetings are 2-3 hours long and open to the public.

3

How much money should be allocated to fixing potholes?

**SET BUDGET
PRIORITIES
& ANNUAL
PROPERTY
TAX RATE**

**CRAFT
ORDINANCES
AND
DEVELOPING
POLICIES**

4

An example would be a ban burn within the outskirts of your city.

Who Represents You?

Find out who represents you in the House, Senate, School Board, or your District by inserting one of the following:

- Street Address
- City
- Zip Code
- County

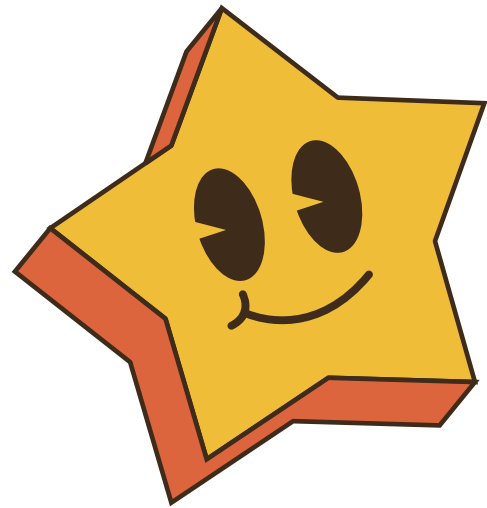
<https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>



Why Our School Board Elections Matter

The link between the classroom and community is very real. Voting for school board members who share the same values and perspectives makes it more likely that schools will be run in a way that is best for our kids and community.

In many school district elections, less than a third of eligible voters vote. This year it is imperative for Texans to head to the polls as important decisions are being made that will affect the teaching and learning of our children, such as the books they read and their general safety.



What Does the School Board of Trustees Even Do?



1. Hiring the Big Boss

They hire the superintendent aka the Big Boss. The superintendent runs day-to-day operations of all schools.



2. Setting Policies

The school board creates policies on how schools should operate. This can range from technology, dress code, attendance rules, and more.



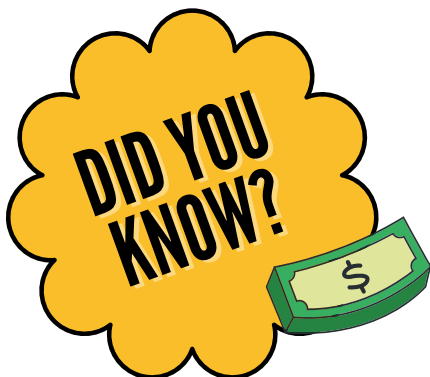
3. School Board Meetings

School board meetings are open to the public! If there is a problem or a new idea, they're the ones you talk to!



4. Representing the Community

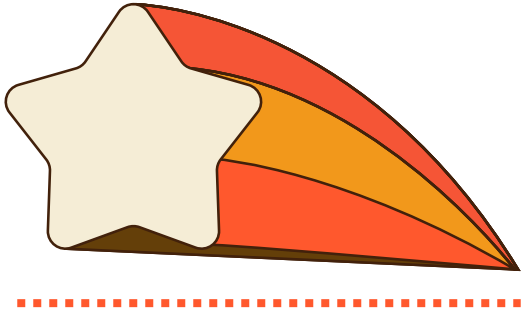
They're elected by the community and for the community! They should be representative of your interests and wishes.



School Board Trustees Do Not Get Paid.

School board members do not receive a salary, but may be reimbursed for expenses related to public service, this varies by school district.

So...What Does the Mayor Do?



In the simplest of words, the mayor is the head of the city and occupies the highest elective office in your town.

In Texas, a mayor is paid an average hourly pay of \$30.08 an hour. There have been salaries that range from as low as \$10.30 to as high as \$47.03.

Term: Four years maximum, of two terms.

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1. Leader

The mayor serves as the leader of the town, representing their citizens and setting the overall vision and direction for the community.



2. Policy Maker

The mayor works with the city council members to develop and enact ordinances such as waste collection rules.



3. Economic Developer

That store you've been looking forward to come to town? Yes, it's their duty to promote economic development and growth.



4. Ceremonial Duties

The mayor presides over official ceremonies, events, and public functions representing your town.



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Meet Your School-City Candidates

Smith County

City of Tyler, City Council, District 02



Petra Hawkins
petrahawkins.com



Dexter Floyd
dexterfloyd.com



Stephen Dinger
dingerfortyler.com

City of Arp, Mayor



Terry Lowry



Dennis L. Ford
(Incumbent)

City of Lindale, Mayor



Gavin Rasco
grasco@lindaletx.gov

City of Arp, City Council



Craig Robinson
c.robinson@cityofarptx.net



Chris Johnson
(Incumbent)

City of Lindale, City Council, Place 2



Yvette Martin
ymartin@lindaletx.gov



Jarretta Nance Pate

TERMINOLOGY 101

You may notice each county uses different terms to refer to certain electoral locations, you may come across: **Ward | District | Place**. These terms are interchangeable with one another and serve as a way to specify which location each council member represents.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?



Visit smith-county.com

Meet Your School-City Candidates

Nacogdoches County

City of Nacogdoches, City Council, Southeast Ward



Roy Boldon

boldonr@nactx.us



Blane Williams

City of Garrison, Mayor



Keith Yarbrough

cityofgarrisontx.us



Tracy Cook

City of Garrison, School Board Trustee, Garrison ISD (3 Year Term) School Board Trustee, Garrison ISD (2 Year Term)



Kent Kurbow



Matt Harris



Chase Rambin



Blake Phillips



Cristopher Stanaland

City of Cushing, School Board Trustee, Cushing ISD



Asa Dawson



Steven Arreguin

[facebook.com/sarreguinMOPTX](https://www.facebook.com/sarreguinMOPTX)



Moni Gary

mgary@txfb-ins.com



Bobby Brashears

MISSING CANDIDATES?

We try our best to share with you up-to-date information provided by the county's Elections Office. Sadly, there are times when information is not available until Early Voting or contracts are late. We strongly recommend our readers to visit the website below to see all up-to-date information in one place!

Please visit:

NACVOTES.COM



Meet Your School-City Candidates

Wood County

City of Mineola, School Board (2 Year Term)



Lina Ortega

Lina Ortega for School Board - Facebook



Tony Forsyth

City of Mineola, School Board (3 Year Term)



Jeffrey White



Jay MagGough

Re-Elect Jay McGough for Mineola ISD School Board - Facebook

City of Mineola, City Council

Ward 01



Polly Jones

Ward 02



Jimmy Alexander

Ward 03



Crystal Arcand
crystalarcand.com

Ward 03



Cassandra Sampson
cassandrasampson.org

DON'T SEE YOUR CITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT?

We try our best to share with you up-to-date information provided by the county's Elections Office. Sadly, there are times when information is not available until Early Voting or contracts are late. We strongly recommend our readers to contact or visit their county's or city's website to learn more about the candidates. Along with with the City of Mineola and Hawkins, Alba-Golden, Quitman, and Yantis ISD are also holding elections. Visit the website provided above to read more!



Quitman ISD
quitmanisd.net



Alba-Golden ISD
agisd.com



City of Hawkins
Sample Ballot
hawkinstx.org



Yantis ISD
yantisisd.net

Meet Your School-City Candidates

Gregg County

City of Longview

Mayor



Temple S. Carpenter III
Tem Carpenter Longview
City Council District 1 -
Facebook



Kristen Ishahara
Kristen Ishihara for Mayor of
Longview - Facebook

Spring Hill ISD, School Board



Wayne Noon



Kimberli Stanley

City of Longview, City Council, District 01



Derrick Conley
@MrDerrickConley - Twitter



Jim Cogar



Arthur Carter

City of Longview, City Council, District 02



Natasha Harrell
natashaharrell.com



Shannon Moore
mooreforlongview.com

Longview ISD, School Board Trustee, Place 03



Tiffany Angus
VOTE Tiffany Angus for
LISD Trustee Place 3 -
Facebook



Dr. Samir V. Germanwala
germanwala@gmail.com

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!

If you reside or attend a school district in Longview, Gladewater, or Kilgore, Texas head to the following website to see all information in one place.

PLEASE VISIT:

greggcountyvotes.com

Meet Your School-City Candidates

Cherokee County

City of Rusk, City Council

District 03



Martin Holsome



Zack McNew
zmcnew7@gmail.com



Jack Woody



J.D. Martinez



Martha Neely
neelymartha9@gmail.com

District 05



Frances Long
fllong@aol.com



Chucky Pate



Shawn Solly

New Summerfield ISD



newsummerfieldisd.org

DON'T SEE YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CITY?

If you reside in the **City of Alto**, the **May 2024 elections are cancelled** since all candidates were unopposed (meaning that candidates had zero opponents). Sadly, there are times when information is not available until Early Voting or districts are running late in posting election information. **We strongly recommend our readers to contact or visit the websites provided to Alto ISD, New Summerfield ISD, and City of Jacksonville to learn more about their elections.**

Alto ISD



alto.esc7.net

City of Jacksonville, Texas



jacksonvilletx.org

